

Board of Police Commissioner's Meeting
January 19, 2023 4:00 p.m., 299 Page Blvd., Springfield, MA

Call to Order

A Board of Police Commissioner's meeting for the Springfield Police Department was held on January 19, 2023, at 299 Page Blvd. It began at 4:00 p.m. and was presided over by Chairman Dr. Gary Berte, with Lynn Vedovelli as secretary.

Attendance

Roll Call

Voting members

Dr. Gary Berte, Madeline Fernandez, Albert Tranghese
Norman Roldan & Robert Jackson

Non-Member Attendees:

Judge John Payne (Springfield City Solicitor), Cheryl C. Clapprood (Police Superintendent), Captain Larry Murphy (Springfield Police Internal Investigations Unit), Sergeant Monique McCoy (Springfield Police Internal Investigations Unit), Sergeant Mark Kenney (Springfield Police Internal Investigations Unit), Lieutenant Louis Rosario (Springfield Police Internal Investigations Unit), Officer Daniel Billingsley, Officer Christian Cicero, Officer Joseph Gentile (IBPO Local 364 Patrolman's Union President), Attorney Kevin Coyle (Representing the Patrolman's Union), Attorney Shawn Allyn, Deepika Shukla, (U.S. Attorney's Office)

Matters to Address:

Vote to Elect a Chairperson

Vote on acceptance of Law Department opinion

Vote on acceptance of Robert's Rules of Order

Discussion Topics

Motion to go into Executive Session for consideration of vote on Motion from 11/22/22. Executive Session regarding reinstatement date, in light of Law Department opinion (SO-19-036, SO 19-038). Roll call vote required.

Main Motions

Motion by Commissioner Berte to approve minutes for the November 22, 2022 meeting seconded by Commissioner Tranghese.

Roll Call vote

(in favor: Fernandez, Jackson, Roldan, Tranghese, Berte)

Motion by Commissioner Fernandez to reconsider the vote from November 22, 2022 regarding reinstatement of officers. The motion failed without a 2nd.

Motion by Commissioner Roldan to adopt the law department's opinion seconded by Commissioner Fernandez.

Roll Call vote

(in favor: Fernandez, Jackson, Roldan (Against: Tranghese, Berte) 007332-020323

Motion Commissioner Roldan to amend to have the chair appointed every January for a one year term 2nd by Commissioner Jackson.

Roll Call vote

(in favor: Fernandez, Jackson, Roldan, Berte (Against: Tranghese)

Motion by Commissioner Fernandez to elect Commissioner Roldan as the new chair seconded by Commissioner Jackson.

Roll Call vote

(in favor: Fernandez, Jackson, Roldan) (Obstain: Tranghese, Berte)

Motion by Commissioner Berte to accept Roberts Rules of Order 2nd by Commissioner Roldan

Roll Call vote

(in favor: Fernandez, Jackson, Roldan, Tranghese, Berte)

Motion by Commissioner Roldan to go into Executive Session 2nd by Commissioner Berte

Roll Call vote

(in favor: Fernandez, Jackson, Roldan, Tranghese, Berte) (4:47 p.m.)

Adjournment

The meeting returned to open session 5:15 p.m. and was adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

Member from the public offers prayers and support to the board as they try to pull together. States they are here to support and there is a difference for those who come to protest.

Commissioner Jackson thanked the public for their support.

Commissioner Roldan thanked Commissioner Berte for being chair.

